



## **Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS / EMA**

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### **Shelby Cares Recruiting Reserve Volunteers**



**Photo Caption:** Bob Nations, Jr., Director, Office of Preparedness, center, addresses faith-based organizations meeting at the Emergency Operations Center to learn about Shelby Cares.

The countdown to hurricane season has begun. June 1 through November 30, traditionally called "the Atlantic Hurricane Season," effects coastal areas as they brace for tropical storms brewing in the ocean before they make landfall. Strong winds, heavy rains, tornadoes, and flooding are typically seen during these storms.

While here in Shelby County, we will not experience a hurricane directly, we often receive remnants of these tropical cyclones.

When hurricanes are predicted, those who live in southern coastal areas may be displaced from their homes by either voluntary or mandatory evacuations. Often times, these evacuees head inland to safer urban areas, such as Shelby County.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Bob Nations., Jr., is recruiting reserve volunteers for "Shelby Cares," the faith-based sheltering initiative.

The agency is looking to train citizens who are interested in serving in shelters during a disaster.

These reserves will be trained to assist the staff in operations and maintaining the day-to-day business of housing and feeding those in need.

Shelby Cares reserves must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of Shelby County, and have reliable transportation. Once trained, Shelby Cares reserves will be expected to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per shift when called in to a shelter.

Those who are interested, please email Terry Donald at [terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov). An application will be sent to you electronically.

For more information, please call Terry Donald at 901.515.2525.

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